

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Xingxi ZHOU et al. | Conf.: | 7901 |
| Appl. No.: | 09/914,548 | Group: | 3641 |
| Filed: | August 30, 2001 | Examiner: | A. Felton |
| For: | BASIC METAL NITRATE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND GAS GENERATING AGENT COMPOSITION | | |

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December 8, 2004

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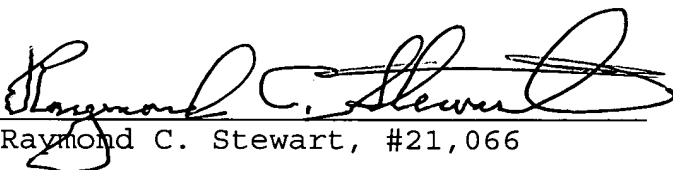
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 8, 2004, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully solicit ***withdrawal of the finality*** of the outstanding Office Action.

To justify making the Office Action “final”, the Examiner alleged that Applicants’ amendment necessitated the new ground of rejection. However, the Amendment filed April 2, 2004 did not amend independent claim 67 at all, yet the Examiner rejected claim 67 over the newly cited Lund reference. In other words, claim 67 as now rejected over Lund is exactly the same claim 67 that it was before the Examiner when she composed the Office Action that was mailed on 11/10/2003. Accordingly, Applicants’ Amendment filed April 2, 2004 – since it did not amend claim 67 – did not necessitate the new ground of rejection of claim 67 over Lund.

Also, the outstanding Office Action is incomplete with regard to its (lack of) discussion of the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 that accompanied the Amendment filed April 2, 2004. Applicants respectfully suggest that the Examiner's reaction to that Rule 132 Declaration should have been provided in the Office Action of July 8, 2004.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the finality of the outstanding Office Action is manifestly warranted.

This Amendment includes:

Amended Claim Set;

Remarks;

Umweltauswirkungen von Airbagsystemen ("D1");

Smart RestraintManagement: An Innovative and Comprehensive Concept ("D2"); and

USCAR Inflator Technical Requirements and Validation ("D3").